

Minutes  
Eagle Township Board Meeting  
Thursday, April 18, 2024  
Eagle Twp. Hall - 14318 Michigan Street, Eagle, MI 48822

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stroud at 6:00 pm - Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Present:** Trustee Dennis Strahle, Supervisor Troy Stroud, Clerk Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer Chelsea Hoppes, Trustee Michelle Hoppes
3. **Others Present:** Paul Bucholz, Compliance Manager Michigan Dept of Military and Veterans Affairs; Patty Wyman, PFAS Specialist; John Clark, Chairperson Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority; Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner; Rob Currie, Chairperson Eagle Township Planning Commission
4. **Citizens:** Rob Gross, Janine Dyer, Judy Sena, Dick Sena, Mark Higbee, Jim Donaldson, Jeff McNeilly, Casey and Jo Godlewski, Brittanie Davis, Linn Romanik, Irene and Paul Herrera, Curt and Martha Kenyon, Cori Feldpausch, Carolyn Donaldson, Cady Ness-Smith, Darrin Gray, David VanderBroek, Dan Feldpausch, San Juanita Lira, Scott Smith.
5. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.
6. **Agenda Approval:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Treasurer C. Hoppes to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
7. **Citizens Comments:** None
8. **Presentation Armory PFAS Findings:** Paul Bucholz, Compliance Manager Michigan Dept of Military and Veterans Affairs, gave a presentation of the PFAS that has been detected at the Army National Guard Base and surrounding properties. The contamination is from training with fire suppression foam. This presentation and question/answer period was a precursor to a larger presentation being held at the Township Hall on April 24, 2024.
9. **Commissioner Report:** Clinton County Commissioner Dave Pohl reported that Clinton Area Transit Service ridership is continuing to increase. The Board of Commissioners approved a millage of .70 mills for 4 years (expiring millage was .6924 mills) to be on the August ballot. Clinton County received notice that they have been awarded a Robin Grant for broadband. This will use ARPA funds that have been committed to the County by townships with an expected completion by end of 2026. Boiler replacements for the courthouse were approved as well as an updated solar energy ordinance. A personnel request for additional dispatchers at Central Dispatch was approved to cover upcoming retirements.
10. **LGRFA Report:** John Clark, Chairperson Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority, reported that Deborah Adams has been appointed to the LGRFA board to represent Watertown Charter Township. The new ambulance should be on the road by mid-May. There were around 1100 runs in 2023, and the LGRFA is on pace for around 2000 runs in 2024.

11. **Eagle Township Planning Commission Report:** Chairperson Rob Currie gave an update on the April 11, 2024, special meeting held by the Planning Commission to work on the Eagle Township Master Plan and Future Land Use Map.
12. **Board of Review Reports:** Supervisor Stroud gave an update on the Board of Review meetings held in March. Five challenges were presented to the Board of Review, and looking at ordering new maps to replace old faded maps for future Board of Review meetings.
13. **Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Chelsea Hoppes provided an update on CDAR investments. ARPA funds have been invested in a 13 week auto-renewing CDAR. Online banking alerts and overdraft protection have been set up. The treasurer is also investigating using another banking institution for the tax checking account to ensure the full balance is FDIC insured.
14. **Accounts Payable:** Motion by Trustee D. Strahle supported by Trustee M. Hoppes to approve paying the bills as presented as well as all other regular monthly bills with payment of the McKenna bill pending approval by the Planning Commission Chairperson. Motion carried.
15. **Clinton County Catalyst:** No action.
16. **MEDC Response to rescind NDA:** Motion by Treasurer C. Hoppes supported by Trustee M. Hoppes to allow Treasurer C. Hoppes to follow up with the attorney in reference to the risk of not responding to MEDC regarding to termination of the NDA. Motion carried.
17. **Media/Communications Strategy:** No action.
18. **Lawyer RFP:** Motion by Trustee M. Hoppes supported by Treasurer C. Hoppes to complete an RFP for a firm to provide legal services including general township, planning and zoning, and other legal needs. Roll Call Yes Votes: Treasurer C. Hoppes, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee M. Hoppes, Trustee Strahle, Supervisor Stroud. Roll Call No Votes: None. Motion carried.
19. **LEAP Letter:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Stroud to accept the letter to the Clinton County Board of Commissioners regarding LEAP (Lansing Economic Area Partnership) as amended copied to Clinton County Township Supervisors and John Fuentes, Clinton County Administrator. Motion carried.
20. **McKenna Wind and Solar (Leroy Twp):** No action.
21. **Niles Cemetery Improvements/Tree Removal:** Motion by Trustee Strahle to approve the quote from Woods Forestry Solutions LLC to remove a tree, including stump grinding, from Niles Cemetery for a cost of \$3500 pending verification of insurance. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Strahle, Trustee M. Hoppes, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer C. Hoppes, Supervisor Stroud. Roll Call No Votes: None. Motion carried.
22. **Fireworks Display Permit:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to approve the Fireworks Display permit for May 10 for Sean Conn/Big Fireworks to be held at the Eagle Fairgrounds. Motion carried.

23. **Road Commission Contracts:** Motion by Treasurer C. Hoppes supported by Trustee M. Hoppes to approve the Clinton County Road Commission contracts as presented with the exception of not approving the Tallman Road gravel contract. Roll Call Yes Votes: Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer C. Hoppes, Trustee Strahle, Trustee M. Hoppes, Supervisor Stroud. Roll Call No Votes: None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Stroud will get with the Clinton County Road Commission to discuss and determine gravel road improvement for 2024.

24. **Township of Excellence:** Motion by Trustee M. Hoppes supported by Treasurer C. Hoppes to have the Board work on the MTA Township of Excellence checklist in comparison to current Board policy and infrastructure. Motion carried.

25. **Board Policy:** All Board Members to mark up and send comments on the existing Board Policy to Trustee M. Hoppes for discussion at the May meeting.

26. **Strategy, Goals, and SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats):** Motion by Supervisor Stroud supported by Trustee M. Hoppes to move forward establishing a Strategic Plan group and complete a Strategic Plan. Motion carried.

27. **Accounting Software:** Motion by Trustee M. Hoppes supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to have the Board further review the use of BS&A Cloud Software for accounting through a Zoom presentation and the Clerk and Treasurer to complete a cost/benefit analysis of purchasing the software. Motion carried.

28. **Hall Maintenance:** Motion by Supervisor Stroud supported by Treasurer C. Hoppes for an electrician to check/repair the lights in the hall basement at a cost not to exceed \$600. Motion carried.

29. **Consumers Energy – Gas Supplier/ Whispering Winds Rate:** Clerk Briggs-Dudley reported there has been a 26% rate increase on the Whispering Winds street light bill. Clerk Briggs-Dudley also reported that the Township Hall gas supplier will be switched to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party supplier, Kratos. Clerk Briggs-Dudley will monitor the monthly rate on this bill.

30. **Adjournment:** Motion by Supervisor Stroud supported by Trustee M. Hoppes to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 pm. Motion carried.

Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk